



ANNUAL STATEWIDE PROFESSIONAL AND FAMILY CONFERENCE

REGISTER NOW!!

October 22-23, 2015 (Professional)
October 23-25, 2015 (Family)

“MOVING FORWARD!”

Olympia Resort & Conference Center,
Oconomowoc, WI

The Annual Statewide Professional / Family Conference will be held October 22-25, 2015 at the Olympia Resort and Conference Center in Oconomowoc. We are proud of this event as it is offered specifically FOR professionals working with, and families of, children who are hard of hearing, deaf, deafblind, or deaf with additional disabilities.

Our theme this year is “Moving Forward!” Transitions or “moving forward” is important for students of all ages. This conference will focus on the numerous transitions students and their families will face throughout their lifetime. Transitions occur at many stages - transition into Birth-3, to the school system, from elementary to middle school, and transition planning for high school age students and their families who are thinking about what will happen after high school graduation!

FEATURING Professional and Family Conference Keynote Speakers and Interpreter Keynote:

Djenne-amal Morris (Opening Keynote Presenter) brings passion, humor and real life experience to her role as a national parent / professional trainer, facilitator and motivational speaker who views the world not as it is, but as it could be. As a mother of an amazing son with CHARGE Syndrome, she strives to build an atmosphere of support and empowerment for families of children with special needs and the professionals who serve them.

Thomas K. Holcomb (Closing Keynote Presenter) is a Professor of Deaf Studies at Ohlone College in Fremont, California where he teaches courses related to Deaf Culture and Deaf Education to both deaf and hearing students. He is well known for his dynamic presentation style, which he uses to bring together deaf and hearing cultures.

Melissa Smith (Interpreter Keynote Presenter) is a professor in and the director of the American Sign Language-English interpreting program at Palomar College in San Marcos, California. Her doctoral research explores the practices and decisions of interpreters working in public schools and was published by Gallaudet University Press (*More than Meets the Eye: Revealing the Complexities of an Interpreted Education*, 2013).

Workshops, discussion groups and opportunities for hands-on application tentatively include:

- Building Social and Emotional Competence in Infants & Toddlers who are D/HH
- MFi & Bluetooth & Steamers & Telecoils: Oh My!
- How Can I Help D/HH/DB Children Learn Language at Home?
- Maximizing the Potential for Reading Development with Infants to Adolescents

- It Can Be Done: Creating a Dynamic Parent / Professional Partnership
- Transitional Improvement Planning & Predictors for Post School Success
- Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) 101
- Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH) Programs & Services for Families and Professionals
- Healthy Transitions: the Transition to Adult Healthcare Services for the Deaf and DB Teen
- Self-Evaluating my Interpreter Skills (Friday Interpreter workshop)
- How Do I Sign That?!? Bippety Boppity Boo and Other Stories" (Friday Interpreter workshop)
- Revealing the Complexities of K-12 Interpreting through the Eyes of a Frog" (Saturday all day Interpreter Workshop)
- Share Shop - Learn about the various programs / staff within WI Educational Services Program for the Deaf / Hard of Hearing (WESP-DHH) - Outreach & WI School for the Deaf (WSD)

Visit the WESP-DHH Outreach website below for Conference updates and registration information. Here are a few other highlights:

- Networking opportunities with other professionals / families from around the state
- Exhibit Hall filled with resources related to transition and deaf / hard of hearing / deafblind services and interests
- College Transition Fair
- Well-supervised childcare, fun activities and kids' workshops related to transition
- Panel Discussion of Adult Role Models discussing the keys to successfully "Moving Forward!"
- Updated Conference Facilities at the Olympia Resort & Conference Center

See <http://wespdhh.org/outreach/conferences/professional/> for updated Conference details!

Registration Costs:

REGISTRATION CLOSES 9/25/2015 – NO EXCEPTIONS

Professional Conference Registration Fee: \$125 - one day; \$200 - two days; \$275 - three days

<u>Exhibitor Registration:</u>	For Profit:	\$325
	Not-For-Profit:	\$175
	State Agency:	\$125
	College / IHE:	\$125

Ads / Shout outs for Conference Program Booklet: \$35-250 (prices vary by size / details)

Payments can be made to:

WESP-DHH Professional Conference
Business Office
1700 W. State Street
Janesville, WI 53546

ALL registration fees are due by October 9, 2015.

Hotel Costs:

Participants are responsible for making their own hotel reservations:

Olympia Resort and Conference Center in Oconomowoc, WI

<http://www.olympiaresort.com>

262-369-4999 or 1-800-588-9573

\$ 80 per night one adult; kids stay free
\$ 90 per night two adults; kids stay free
\$ 10 each additional adult in the room
\$ 10 per rollaway
\$190 for a suite – 2 queens, living room pull out couch, kitchenette

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? REGISTER NOW!

Professional Conference / Exhibitor Registration, which also includes Ads / Shout Outs for Conference Program Booklet
(<http://www.regonline.com/1665013>)

TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND OTHERS WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED!

QUESTIONS?

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